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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	$19 85	
" " express and stationery,	3 60	$23 45

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	$40 00	
" " postage and stationery,	4 37	$44 37

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	$10 00	$10 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services.	$53 00	
" " postage and stationery,	1 58	$54 58

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services,	$80 00	
" " express and postage,	75	$80 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services,	$115 85	$115 85

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of the Poor,	$1,066 26	$1,066 26

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid B. P. Clark,	$2 20	
J. W. Ayres,	2 85	
C. Bothwell,	8 84	
H. P. Austin,	9 20	
H. W. Lincoln,	13 14	
Z. L. Winslow,	18 53	
J. E. Stone,	7 38	
William C. Crawford,	15 84	
Wm. O. Keep,	14 79	
H. D. Bullard,	8 48	
J. W. Knight,	16 85	
W. A. Nye,	8 39	
J. P. Morse,	1 35	
E. H. Dwelly,	2 95	
Wm. S. Spear,	10 20	
S. H. Bullard,	6 80	$147 79

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid B. P. Clark,	$61 30	
D. M. Parker,	19 76	
C. A. Ware,	64 39	
H. D. Bullard,	30 60	
James Tomlinson,	69 38	
W. A. Nye,	55 00	
Wm. O. Keep,	35 40	
Cheney Bothwell,	75 00	
E. H. Dwelly,	40 50	
Geo. W. Stone,	70 70	
W. A. Burt,	67 10	
Wm. S. Spear,	28 05	
J. W. Knight,	36 10	
S. Cochran,	11 02	
H. P. Austin,	37 00	
S. H. Bullard,	44 22	
D. R. Dean,	4 32	
Z. L. Winslow,	26 92	$776 76

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for East School,	$194 75	
West "	230 50	
Coldbrook School,	247 85	
South "	200 20	
Centre, "	470 35	$1,343 65

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid for repairing Coldbrook school house,	$71 37	
West "	4 63	

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Plimpton,	$48 00	
Harriet V. Parmenter,	48 00	
Charlotte Mullett,	48 00	
Sophronia Green,	48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	$240 00

SINKING FUND.

Deposited in North Brookfield Savings Bank,	$600 00	$600 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. W. Ayres for repairs on Hall farm buildings,	$5.00	
Wm. M. Thompson for ringing bell and care of hall,	35 00	
freight on road machine,	10 22	
W. E. Johnson for road machine,	144 78	
Maynard, Gough & Co. for printing,	24 50	
Geo. W. Taft for repairs of scraper,	7 00	
abatement of taxes,	6 60	
J. Tomlinson for grading common,	20 50	
E. J. Sargeant, repairs of hearse,	20 50	
county tax,	282 00	
state treasurer, one-fourth liquor license,	37 50	
state tax,	315 00	
James Packard, repairs on hall,	2 30	
James Packard for services as sexton,	16 25	
for lamps for hall,	2 70	
for school books,	13 75	
for interest,	1,137 50	$2,081 10

SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

L. P. Lovell, Treasurer. Dr.

To balance March 1, 1883,	$2,472 24	
cash for liquor license,	150 00	
" grass on the common,	10 25	
" rent of Hall farm above taxes,	48 46	
" support of state pauper,	2 50	
cash from North Brookfield for support of paupers,	16 00	
corporation tax,	5 78	
National Bank tax,	11 61	
state aid refunded,	192 00	
dog tax refunded,	101 24	
cash from Mass. school fund,	213 51	
town grant,	5,025 00	
state tax,	315 00	
county tax,	282 00	
overlayings on taxes,	111 24	
cash for use of hall, and coal,	52 00	
interest on taxes,	48 80	$9,057 63

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By paying selectmen's orders,	$6,660 56	
balance carried to new account,	2,397 07	$9,057 63

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	$17,500 00	$17,500 00

SINKING FUND.

On deposit at Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester,	$1,000 00	
" Worcester County Institution for Savings, Worcester,	1,000 00	
" Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester,	700 00	
" North Brookfield Savings Bank,	600 00	$3,300 00

With interest accrued on the above deposits.

MOSES O. AYRES,
AVERY C. BULLARD,
CLARENCE H. PARKER,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers, in presenting to the town the result of their work for the year ending January 1st, 1884, respectfully submit the following report.

During the past year seven persons have received full, and ten partial support.

And they further report that they have received of the town	$1,066 24
In hands of Overseers at last settlement,	5 00
Received from the sale of clothing,	25
	$1,071 49

Which they account for as follows:

Paid State Lunatic Hospital of Worcester, for treatment and custody of Lucius Wood, from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 1883,	$41 79
repairing shoes ($1.20), slippers ($1,25),	2 45
the same for Eunice M. Walker,	41 79
" " " " hair pins,	05
Susan M. Thrasher for Lyman P. Crawford,	26 00
" " Lydia Chamberlain,	19 50
" " Lucy Robinson,	6 50
" " sewing, &c., for the poor,	2 30
North Brookfield for Joseph Braw,	19 61
Orin D. Barr for Davidson Barr,	32 50
A. Prouty for groceries and supplies,	17 14
D. R. Dean for three cords of wood for Mrs. Melinda Woodis,	4 50
A. J. Holden for fitting the same for stove,	4 00
H. P. Austin, hauling three cords wood for Mrs. Melinda Woodis,	2 25
H. P. Austin, one bushel of potatoes for Mrs. Woodis,	1 00
Lewis N. Haskell for one cord of wood, Melinda Woodis,	4 00
William A. Mendell for fitting the same for the stove,	1 50
Wm. S. Crawford for keeping seven tramps,	3 75
	$230 63

Received of the town of Oakham for the support of poor, July 1, 1883,	$216 27

Which was paid as follows:

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for treatment and custody of Lucius Wood from April 1 to June 30,	$42 25
1 chamber (40c.), 1 plate (8c.), 1 suit ($8.50)	8 98
2 mugs (16c.), 2 shirts ($1.00), 3 pairs socks (60c.).	1 76
collars,	20
the same for Eunice M. Walker,	42 25
Susan M. Thrasher for Lyman P. Crawford,	32 50
" " Lydia Chamberlain,	19 50
" " Lucy Robinson,	6 50
A. Prouty for groceries and supplies,	19 58
Orin D. Barr for Davidson Barr,	39 00
Susan M. Thrasher for sewing and medicine for the poor,	3 75
	$216 27

Received of the town for the support of the poor, Oct, 1, 1883,	$303 00

Which was paid as follows:

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for treatment and custody of Lucius Wood from July 1 to Sept. 30,	$42 71
2 chambers (50c.), 1 plate (8c.),	58
slippers ($1.00), pants ($3.25), 1 light glass (15c.),	4 40
the same for Eunice M. Walker,	42 71
Susan M. Thrasher for Lyman P. Crawford,	32 50
" " Lydia Chamberlain,	19 50
" " Lucy Robinson,	6 50
" " sewing and medicine for the poor,	2 85
Orin Barr for Davidson Barr,	39 00
Dr. Garrigan for "	2 25
A. Prouty for groceries and supplies,	16 28
Zebina Winslow for Rassellas Winslow,	20 25
Charles Parkman for care and nursing of Charles Frew,	32 00
Dr. Witter for medical attendance of Charles Frew,	7 00
James Packard for burial expenses of Charles Frew,	12 00

Paid Cheney Bothwell for boarding Sarah E. and Martha L. Frew 4 weeks,	$16 00
John Robinson for keeping 3 tramps,	1 50
for socks and shirts for R. Winslow,	2 00
for 1 skirt for Mrs. Davidson Barr,	1 00
North Brookfield for Joseph Braw,	3 30
	$304 33

Received of the town of Oakham, for the support of poor, January 1, 1884, $316 36

Which was paid as follows:

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for treatment and custody of Lucius Wood, from Oct. 1 to Dec. 15, 1883,	$35 29
2 undershirts ($1.00) 2 pair drawers ($1.00)	2 00
1 pair shoes ($1.35) 1 cap (50c.) 1 suit ($8.50) postage (2c.)	10 37
2 shirts ($1.00) suspenders (25c.) 1 bosom shirt ($1.00)	2 25
coffin, robe and attendance,	12 00
the same for Eunice M. Walker, from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1883,	42 71
2 undershirts ($1.30), 1 pair boots ($1.50), 2 pair hose (60c.),	3 40
5 yds. cotton (63c.), 2 flannel skirts ($2.00),	2 63
2 aprons (60c.), postage (2c.),	62
Susan M. Thrasher for Lyman P. Crawford,	32 50
" " Lydia Chamberlain,	19 50
" " Lucy Robinson,	6 50
" " sewing and medicine for the poor,	2 55
Orin D. Barr for Davidson Barr,	39 00
Zebina L. Winslow for Rasselas Winslow,	29 25
J. W. Bemis for " "	2 60
telegram from Worcester,	1 50
4 cords of wood for Mrs. Woodis, and fitting same for stove,	15 00
A. Prouty for groceries and supplies for poor,	20 32
H. P. Austin for 4 bushels potatoes, Mrs. Woodis,	2 00
James Packard for journey to Worcester for remains of Lucius Wood,	4 00
James Packard for opening and closing grave of Lucius Wood,	2 00

Paid express charges,	40
postage and stationery,	1 87
overseers for services,	30 00
	$320 26

Received of the town during the year,	$1,066 24
Balance in the hands of overseers at last settlement,	5 00
Received from the sale of clothing,	25
	$1,071 49

Whole amount paid during the year,	$1,071 49

Received of the town of North Brookfield,	$16 00
Due from the Commonwealth for the expenses incurred in the sickness, death and burial of Charles Frew, an acknowledged state pauper,	42 86
	$58 86

Whole cost for support of poor during the year,	$1,012 63

Respectfully submitted,

PAGE AUSTIN,
JOHN ROBINSON,
WM. S. CRAWFORD, } Overseers of the Poor.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN OAKHAM, 1883.

BIRTHS.

Jan.	11	Daughter to	Walter L. Ripley.
"	15	Son to	John Gilboy.
"	26	Daughter to	Wm. W. Conant.
March	28	Daughter to	George E. Thresher.
"	28	Son to	James Sheern.
May	2	Son to	Edgar J. Cleaveland.
"	15	Son to	Sanford H. Bullard.
"	15	Daughter to	Stephen M. Sargeant.
"	30	Daughter to	Albert B. Ware.
June	8	Daughter to	Peter Dusette.
July	11	Son to	Hiram F. Clark.
"	11	Son to	George Pratt.
"	12	Son to	Patrick Cummings.
Aug.	12	Daughter to	Gardner M. Dean.
"	21	Son to	Nelson H. Muzzy.
Sept.	24	Daughter to	Henry D. Bullard.
"	27	Daughter to	Edward Luce.
Oct.	12	Daughter to	Charles B. Caldwell.
"	13	Daughter to	Jesse Allen.
"	28	Son to	Marcus M. Butterfield.
"	29	Son to	Edward H. Dwelley.
Nov.	4	Son to	Henry Sheen.
"	15	Daughter to	Horace M. Greene.
Dec.	16	Son to	David Hallowell.
"	25	Son to	John W. Pierce.

TOTAL, 25.

MARRIAGES.

Jan.	17,	Sanford H. Bullard	to	Ella S. Fobes.
March	2,	Fred. E. Reed.	"	Sarah J. Parker.
April	24,	Francis W. Babcock	"	Katie Davitt.
"	30.	Edwin Green	"	Mary E. Gleason.
May	10,	Louis Greeley	"	Kate M. Woodis.
June	2,	David Hallowell	"	Harriet S. Henry.
"	19,	Josia J. Henshaw	"	Mary J. Robinson.
"	20,	Benjamin F. Thresher	"	Julia A. Dunn.
Aug.	18,	Wm. Wallace Grimes.	"	Cora V. Vaughan.
Sept.	13,	Frank S. Conant	"	Lillian E. Crawford.
Nov.	21,	Charles E. Parker	"	Nellie A. Davis.
"	22,	Watson A. Bushnell	"	Mrs. Lizzie P. Fairbank.
"	28,	Edwin A. Stone	"	Allie M. Gleason.

TOTAL, 13.

DEATHS.

			YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan.	16,	Joseph A. Cleaveland,	56	10	26
March	6,	Horatio W. Perkins,	65	1	
"	15,	George Snay.	0	3	
"	25,	Jonathan Lovell,	79	11	3
May	12,	Bessie Haskell,	21	8	9
June	5,	Alfred E. Burt.	62	9	8
"	24,	Olive S. Holman,	35	11	18
Aug.	26,	Alice H. Bemis,	27		
Sept.	13,	Charles Frew,	67	6	
Nov.	5,	Martha W. Lincoln,	79	5	
"	22,	Joseph Dwelley,	92	1	5
Dec.	15,	Lucius Wood,	50		

TOTAL, 12.

JESSE ALLEN, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of Oakham present the following report for the year ending March 1, 1884.

DR.

To amount appropriated by the town,	$950 00
received from state school fund,	213 51
dog tax fund,	101 24
	$1,264 75

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EAST HILL SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Mary E. Stearns, teaching spring, fall and winter terms, 30 weeks,	$180 00
fuel and care of house,	14 75
	$194 75

SOUTH SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Lucy E. Morgan, teaching spring and fall terms, 19 weeks,	$114 00
Mr. Leonard P. Lovell, teaching winter term, 11 weeks,	77 00
fuel and care of house,	9 20
	$200 20

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Mary L. Wells, teaching spring term, 8 weeks,	$54 60
Miss Helen E. Deane, teaching fall term, 10 weeks,	70 00
Miss Valetta C. Marean, teaching winter term, 11 weeks,	88 00
fuel and care of house,	22 25
	$234 85

WEST SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Lizzie J. Bullard, teaching spring and fall terms, 19 weeks,	$114 00
Miss Helen E. Deane, teaching winter term, 11 weeks,	99 00
fuel and care of house,	17 50
	$230 50

CENTRE SCHOOL.

By amount paid Mrs. Minnie L. Woodis, teaching spring, fall and winter terms,	212 00
Mr. H. E. Richardson, teaching winter term, 11 weeks,	179 00
fuel and care of house,	67 60
	$458 60
Total expense of schools for the year,	$1,318 90

There have been three terms in all the schools in town, of 9, 10 and 11 weeks, respectively.

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Spring term,	whole number scholars,	19	Average attendance, 15
Fall "	" "	21	" " 13
Winter "	" "	10	" " 8

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring term,	whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance, 18
Fall "	" "	21	" " 15
Winter "	" "	17	" " 14

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring term,	whole number scholars,	26	Average attendance, 24
Fall "	" "	27	" " 24
Winter "	" "	29	" " 25

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance,	16
Fall " " "	20	" "	16
Winter, " " "	30	" "	24

CENTRE — No. 1.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	40	Average attendance,	38
Fall " " "	20	" "	19
Winter " " "	28	" "	26

CENTRE — No. 2.

Fall term, whole number scholars,	27	Average attendance,	26
Winter term, " "	21	" "	19

The attendance in all the schools has been

In the Spring term, whole number,	125	Average attendance,	111
In the Fall " "	136	" "	113
In the Winter " "	135	" "	116

Whole number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, as ascertained by the assessors, was 135.

Lippincott's series of Readers has been introduced into all the schools within the year.

The school house at Coldbrook has been repaired at an expense of about $100.00.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Three Terms—Rosa Parker. One Term—Bessie Weld, Eveline Leland, Etta Leland, Warren Leland, Arthur Leland.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Two Terms—Gertie Kennen. One Term—Mary E. Kennen, Jennie E. Bemis.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Two Terms—Mary Butterfield, Edith M. Bruce, Bessie Bruce, Jennie Gleason, John Butterfield, Alonzo Butterfield. One Term—Harry Parker, Belle Brooks, Gracie Gleason, Mary Cleaveland, Bertie Butterfield, Fred Rice.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Three Terms—Lilla Spooner, Bertha Lovell, Lizzie Briggs, Jessie Robinson, Newton Green, Lillian Robinson. Two Terms—Maria Lincoln, George Briggs, Jessie Davis. One Term—Ella Sheern, Kate Sheern, Carrie Winter, Florence Caldwell, John Sheern, George Perkins, Lena Adams, Etta Bullard, Sarah Butler, Bertha Bartlett, Eldora Sargeant, Stephen H. Lincoln, George Morse, Herbert Loring, Jr., Clarence Dean, Minnie Dean, Harry Caldwell.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE W. LINCOLN, } School
JESSE ALLEN, } Committee.